

State of Vermont

House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 214

House concurrent resolution in memory of Franklin County civic leader Lawrence Joseph Handy

Offered by: Representatives Keenan of St. Albans City, McCarthy of St. Albans City, Branagan of Georgia, Jerman of Essex, and Toll of Danville

Offered by: Senator Collins

Whereas, Larry Handy's business savvy was apparent at an early age, and

Whereas, Norwich University played a large role in his life as he remained loyal to the university, of which he was a 1953 graduate, and

Whereas, his military education was put to good use when Larry Handy served as Vermont Army National Guard Company Commander of Headquarters Company 1/172nd in St. Albans with the rank of Captain, and

Whereas, in Swanton, his brother, Floyd, and he established the Handy Truck & Tractor Company, and

Whereas, while residing in Swanton, he served as a village trustee, chaired the local Red Cross Fund Drive, was Board President of the Swanton Youth Club, was President and Director of the Swanton Chamber of Commerce, chaired the Swanton Summer Festival Committee, and as Chair of the Swanton Board of Education, was instrumental in the establishment of a union high school, later named Missisquoi Valley Union High School, and also chaired the Vermont Expo 67 Committee, and

Whereas, in 1968, the Handy Brothers relocated their business activities to St. Albans where they established a successful car dealership that expanded over the years and was nationally recognized for its excellence, and

Whereas, in St. Albans, he was Chair and President of the Board of both the community hospitals' boards of trustees, was a leader in merging the institutions, and was later President of the Northwestern Medical Center Board, and

Whereas, Larry Handy was a leader in Governor Phil Hoff's historic first statewide campaign and served as Chair of the Franklin Democratic Party, and

Whereas, governors appointed him to several important panels, including the Public Service Board, the New Motor Vehicle Arbitration Board, and the 1991 Bicentennial Commission, and he always served with distinction, and

Whereas, Larry Handy's death on April 1, 2013 marked the passing of an admired Franklin County citizen, and his survivors include his children, David, Jeffrey, Joanne, and Susan, 11 grandchildren, and a great-grandchild, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its condolences to the family of Lawrence Joseph Handy, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each of his children.